

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2003

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on November 10, 2003 in Room 372 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

In absence of a quorum, Commissioner Rodriguez called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:20 a.m., followed by introductions.

The following Commissioners were present for the roll call:

Commissioner Cooperman
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Perkins
Commissioner Rodriguez

STAFF REPORT

Staff informed Commissioners that all County offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11, 2003 in recognition of Veteran's Day.

REPORT ON THE COMMISSION RETREAT/BUSINESS WORKING MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2003

Commissioners Creary and Rodriguez reported that the Commission discussed the following:

Frequent absenteeism of Commissioners in respect to conducting the business of the Commission; modifying policies related to absences (i.e. excused absences, timely notice of absence); changing the schedule of Commission meetings to designate one Monday to hold regular meetings, and the other Monday designated for committee meetings; committee structure; and commitment issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee

Commissioner Creary discussed the November 8, 2003 *L.A. Times* article regarding the deaths of two women at King/Drew Medical Center. The committee will prepare a letter to the five supervisors requesting clarification and information about issues such as risk management, liability, training, and accountability at King/Drew for the Commission's consideration.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yvonne La Rose informed the Commission of a meeting to discuss a transportation plan for the Los Angeles area that will take place in Santa Monica on November 24, 2003. She also asked the Commission to consider meeting briefly with a group of 7-year-old girls she is mentoring through a private non-profit organization.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On November 9, 2003, Commissioner Creary attended a High Tea fundraiser hosted by the Pasadena City Commission on the Status of Women to raise funds for the 2004 National Association of Commissions for Women Convention. The 2004 NACW Convention will be held in Pasadena from July 13 through July 17, 2004. She also visited St. John of God's residential program for seniors on Western and Adams in South Los Angeles. The program is comprised of three distinct living facilities for seniors, including areas for convalescent care, assisted and independent living.

Commissioner Perkins reported on the November 6, 2003 reception of the Los Angeles Women's Appointment Collaboration. She also informed the Commission of the Los Angeles African-American Women's Public Policy Institute, a 12- week training program designed to prepare women for public life. Applications will be available this week for classes beginning in January 2004.

Commissioner Cooperman attended an ACCW meeting on November 7, 2003 where the discussion included topics such as ACCW funds, future staffing, commissions hosting an ACCW convention, and maintaining a level playing field for all member commissions who wish to host a convention.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on the symposium to celebrate and commemorate 30 years of service by Comision Feminil held in Goleta, California on November 7 and 8, 2003. At the event, Commissioner Rodriguez reported on the changing role of the Latina woman, and what it takes to be successful when encompassing the many roles required of a modern-day woman. She also attended an event for the Mid-Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative, who conducted a large-scale domestic violence survey in the mid-Wilshire community. A post-test will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of the first survey.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA

The Commission asked staff to research the possibility of adding a youth member to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. in memory of Alicia Broadus Duncan, a former Los Angeles County Commissioner and, most recently, a day care supervisor at the Northeast Valley Senior Center in Pacoima.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.
Janet Mummey
Lila Morgan
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Susan Carpenter McMillan
Karin Davalos
Reiko Duba
Ruth Jernigan, President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Bonnie J. Lewis
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Vice President

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Corbett, Executive Office
Twila Kerr, Executive Office
Cheryl Diaz, Executive Office

GUESTS

Yvonne La Rose, Executive Recruiting Entrance